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JOINT MILITARY EXERCISE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to hold Joint Military Exercise with various countries during the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years;

(c) whether it also proposes to hold such exercises abroad in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to strengthen the military base in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes,Sir.

(b) During the last three years Indian Defence Forces conducted Joint Military Exercises with countries such as China, Maldives,Mongolia,Russia,Seychelles,Singapore,Thailand,Oman,Sri Lanka,Brazil,South Africa,UK,USA and France.

(c) & (d): Yes,Sir.The Government proposes to hold Joint Military Exercises with countries with whom it has relevant agreements in future also, as it enables adoption of best practices to strengthen the military base.